



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 432

LCO No. 2845



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT VALIDATING MARRIAGES CELEBRATED AT THE
MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT RESERVATION AND THE MOHEGAN
RESERVATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 46b-24 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) [No] Except as provided in section 46b-28a, as amended by this
5 act, no persons may be joined in marriage in this state until both have
6 complied with the provisions of [sections 46b-24,] this section, section
7 46b-25 and sections 46b-29 to 46b-33, inclusive, and have been issued a
8 license by the registrar for the town in which the marriage is to be
9 celebrated, which license shall bear the certification of the registrar that
10 the persons named therein have complied with the provisions of said
11 sections.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) All marriages celebrated before
13 the effective date of this section under a tribal marriage license at the

14 Mashantucket Pequot reservation or the Mohegan reservation, are
 15 recognized as valid by the state of Connecticut provided the marriage
 16 is recognized under the laws of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or the
 17 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut and not otherwise expressly
 18 prohibited by statute in this state.

19 Sec. 3. Section 46b-28a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

21 A marriage, or a relationship that provides substantially the same
 22 rights, benefits and responsibilities as a marriage, between two persons
 23 entered into in another state or jurisdiction and recognized as valid by
 24 such other state or jurisdiction shall be recognized as a valid marriage
 25 in this state, provided such marriage or relationship is not expressly
 26 prohibited by statute in this state. For purposes of section 46b-24, as
 27 amended by this act, and this section another jurisdiction, includes, but
 28 is not limited to, the Mashantucket Pequot reservation and the
 29 Mohegan reservation. The requirements set forth in section 46b-24, as
 30 amended by this act, shall not apply to persons joining in marriage at
 31 said reservations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	46b-24(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	46b-28a

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure the validity of marriages celebrated at the Mashantucket Pequot reservation and the Mohegan reservation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]